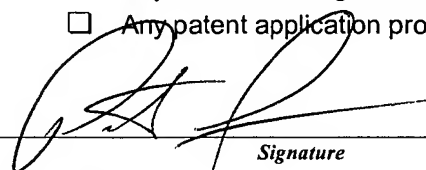



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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> AEC.1001	
<b>Applicant(s):</b> Mazrolle, et al.					
<b>Application No.</b> 10/676,599	<b>Filing Date</b> October 1, 2003	<b>Examiner</b> Abbott, Yvonne Renee	<b>Customer No.</b> 26,812	<b>Group Art Unit</b> 3644	<b>Confirmation No.</b> 7986
<b>Invention:</b> Canine Training Base					
<b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	13 -	20 =	0 x	\$9.00	\$0.00
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.					
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004. In response thereto, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this first response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this first response, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 08-1391.

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**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

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